

Interim Study Committee on Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Human Services

Rep. Cindy Kirchhofer
Chairperson

Sen. Patricia Miller
Vice-Chairperson

Authority: IC 2-5-1.3-4



MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 20, 2016
Time: 9:00 AM
Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., House Chamber
City: Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
Meeting Number: 2

Members Present

Sen. Jean Breaux
Sen. Ed Charbonneau
Sen. Michael Crider
Rep. Steven Davisson
Rep. David Frizzell
Sen. Ronald Grooms
Rep. Cindy Kirchhofer
Sen. Patricia Miller
Sen. Frank Mrvan
Sen. Mark Stoops
Rep. Dennis Zent
Thomas Bartenbach
Doctor Richard Feldman
Beverly Gard
Doctor Derek Sprunger

Members Absent

Rep. Charlie Brown
Rep. Robin Shackleford
Rep. Vanessa Summers

The second meeting of the Interim Study Committee on Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Human Services was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairperson Cindy Kirchhofer.

1. Multistate Nurse Licensure Agreements

- Glenna Shelby, Indiana State Nurses Association

Ms. Shelby gave a brief history of the multistate nurse licensure compact statutory language in Indiana and the reasons that Compact member states rejected the Indiana statute.

- Blayne Miley, Indiana State Nurses Association

Mr. Miley updated the Committee on the current status of the Compact states and the enhanced multistate nurse licensure compact language. (See Exhibit 9)

- David Miller, Indiana Attorney Generals Office

Mr. Miller addressed legal considerations of entering into a multistate nurse licensure compact. (See Exhibit 10)

After Committee discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the Committee not recommend the adoption of a multistate nurse licensure compact. The motion passed 14-0 by roll call vote.

2. Forgiveness of Student Loans for Dentists and Dental Hygienists Accepting Medicaid Reimbursement.

- Ed Popcheff, Indiana Dental Association

Mr. Popcheff introduced the existing statute for the Dental Underserved Areas and Minority Recruitment Program at IC 25-14-5. (See Exhibit 1)

- John N. Williams, DMD, MBA, Dean, IU School of Dentistry

Dean Williams addressed dental students' and dental hygienist students' indebtedness, the dental workforce supply, and the experience of other states with loan forgiveness programs. (See Exhibits 2 through 7) (See Exhibit 8 for the slide presentation)

- Timothy J. Treat, DDS

Dr. Treat, a recent IU dental graduate, discussed student debt and the levels of debt forgiveness that students would require to be able to accept placements in underserved areas.

- Heather Taylor, LDH

Ms. Taylor expressed support for the loan forgiveness program and discussed the lower debt level and corresponding lower income levels of dental hygienists. She also mentioned the limited opportunities for hygienists to serve in underserved areas since they are required to practice with a dentist.

A motion was made and seconded that the Committee recommend that a loan forgiveness program require a four-year commitment. The motion passed 15-0 by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

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Witness List:

Blayne Miley
David Miller
Edward Popcheff
Glenna Shelby
Heather Taylor, LDH
Timothy J. Treat, DDS
John N. Williams, DMD, MBA

Exhibit List:

Exhibit 1, IN Current Dental Loan Forgiveness Statute
Exhibit 2, IN Oral Health Care System
Exhibit 3, IN HPSA Map
Exhibit 4, IN Oral Health Well-Being
Exhibit 5, Ohio Dentist Loan Repayment Program Data
Exhibit 6, Ohio Dentist Loan Repayment Map
Exhibit 7, KY Governor's Press Release
Exhibit 8, Medicaid Loan Forgiveness PowerPoint Presentation
Exhibit 9, IN State Nurses Association Handout
Exhibit 10, AG's Office Considerations for Multi-State Nurse Licensure Compact